



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5055***

LCO No. 236

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) As used in this  
2       section:

3       (1) "Purchasing agent" means any official of the state or any political  
4       subdivision of the state authorized to negotiate or enter into a student  
5       transportation contract or agreement on behalf of the state or political  
6       subdivision of the state;

7       (2) "Nonmanagement employees" means school bus drivers, school  
8       bus monitors, school bus mechanics and school bus dispatchers; and

9       (3) "Economic aspects" means wages and benefits provided by the  
10      incumbent school transportation contractor to its nonmanagement  
11      employees, including, but not limited to, health care insurance and  
12      pensions.

13      (b) On or after October 1, 2004, whenever the state or any political  
14      subdivision of the state lets a contract for the purposes of transporting  
15      students, the purchasing agent shall identify all economic aspects of

16 compensation paid to nonmanagement employees of the incumbent  
17 employer. Such aspects of compensation shall be included in the  
18 request for proposal distributed to all interested bidders. The successor  
19 contractor shall be required to offer nonmanagement employees a level  
20 of wages and benefits no less than the level provided by the  
21 predecessor contractor.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To assure that public schools have uninterrupted school transportation and to maintain a sufficient number of quality school bus drivers available to meet Connecticut's school transportation needs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*